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Ghost Writer Payments of Dodd Probed

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The Senate Ethics Committee is investigating the alleged use of \$8,000 from Sen. Thomas J. Dodd's campaign fund as payment to a Washington freelance writer to ghost-write a book for the Connecticut Democrat.

The writer, Edward B. Lockett, said in an interview he received the money in late 1963 and early 1964. The book was never published, however, because his partial manuscript apparently was unsatisfactory, Lockett said.

The investigation into the payments to Lockett is part of the Ethics Committee's probe of allegations by several former Dodd employes that the senator misused more than \$100,000 in campaign contributions.

Tells of Sourwine

Lockett said he was first approached in late 1963 by J. G. Sourwine, chief counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee's internal security subcommittee. Dodd is vice chairman of the subcommittee.

Sourwine refused to comment on his role in the negotiations, but Lockett said the book was to be on communism and was

to rely heavily on reports produced by the subcommittee.

Shortly after meeting with Sourwine, Lockett said he spoke with Dodd, who suggested two books—a "campaign book" to be written in three months and a longer one, "what I would call a prestige builder."

"I told the senator I wasn't going to write a very good book in three months and the deadline kept moving back. We finally decided to combine the two books," Lockett said.

Thought It Unusual

While he was working on the book, "checks came irregularly" from Dodd, Lockett said. He said he thought it unusual that all of them were drawn on the Dodd Testimonial Committee in Hartford, "but it was none of my business where the money came from."

Lockett said he planned to write a book of 100,000 to 125,000 words. By June 1964, however, he had finished 40,000 words and "the whole thing fell through."

Lockett said the material available through the internal security subcommittee was "dull as dishwater. I told him it wouldn't sell."

The writer said he brought the first portion of the manuscript to Dodd "and he said he'd be in touch with me after he talked with his publisher. That was more than a year ago and I haven't heard from him since."

Lockett said he has been interviewed by a member of the Ethics Committee staff and had traced \$6,500 of the money Dodd paid him to deposits in his checking account.